

Kingston 11 July 1843

My dear Sir

Yesterday morning I received yours from Pitt Hope, covering £12.10.0, I did not pay the note, as a third quarters postage (£6 odd) came due on the 5th instant and Mr Deacon called in upon me to say that, I need not send any more papers to the Office, unless the subscribers were willing to pay for them at the rate of letter postage. This was, of course, out of the question, so I had to pay him the two first quarters postage, which I did yesterday & took his receipt for the same.

I suppose I shall soon have a letter from Geo Sheppard, Solicitor of the Bank at Brockville, informing me of the note being in his hands for collection and requiring its immediate payment to save costs. I must try and put him off till I again hear from you, which let it be as soon as possible.

Edwin has not as yet moved the office, he several times came down to look at the place & to talk about it, but he is too trifling about it, and I don't know now do I think he knows himself, what he means to do upon the subject. He wishes me to purchase from him, and offered me the whole concern for £50, or half down. I offered him £40 or half down. But he refused it.

He must be paid weekly, pursuant to agreement, and he regularly furnishes his bill for £2.15.0, every Thursday, after the papers are delivered. Last Thursday when Harcourt came with his account I asked him why he did not let Edwin come with it himself? he said in reply that he had done so because he ~~had~~ heard Edwin say, he "cares little about the agreement, & if he was not punctually paid, he would lock up the office." I have paid him £5.10.0 for the two last weeks, with which he seemed pleased. I got 25/- from Mr Kirkcoppin of Port Hope & 40/- from Capt Mr Donald of Drumville, which in part enabled me to meet Edwin's demands. Captain Macdonald's was 20/- on his own acct & 10/- each on account of two new subscribers, Mess Scott & Shattin more. I dare say Macdonald will pay you the balance when you see him, & also get you some new subscribers. He is a particular friend of mine & has been

so nice a particular transaction in which I once befriended him. I have no doubt he will do all he can to assist you.

I have been at Gov^t House & you left! being specially sent for! After a very long interview of a strictly confidential nature, & during the same evening, I have given in my views orally & in writing, next day. I have no doubt, my plan has been approved, as the first person named in it by me, in the long list of Shelving, and Shifting (the Chief Justice) has already arrived at Head Quarters. What the result may be, it will take some time to tell, as a great deal of negotiation, & many removals are involved. Don't be surprised if Baldwin, Hicks, & Harrison "walk", or that Cartwright succeeds the latter. This may all be done, without offending the Radicals, and without losing the interest of either of the three who retire! This, to you must appear a paradox, but it is so, nevertheless. I have received in writing, marked "Private" His Excellency's thanks for my memorandum of Plan.

I have communicated this to you in strict confidence, & have only written it to another person, so keep it as silent as the grave.

Call on Alderman Armstrong & tell him I have not yet got the Reports of the last Meeting of the Grand Lodge, I wonder why this is, as I should have had them long since; & people are constantly calling on me for them. Tell him to forward them to me immediately &

Inquire from him also, what progress is making in the new warrants, & let me know the result.

We had a District Meeting here. There is to be no procession tomorrow, at this place all dine in their own Lodge rooms. Shows Lodge have a great flare out at Phillips's Hotel (which the Mayor, Sheriff, Archdeacon, Cartwright, Macdonald, Stuart, & about 18 other gentlemen of high respectability, are invited as guests. Grand Tickets have been printed for the occasion, & I hope the affair

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I sit in the Office all day myself, which is not very agreeable, but
business must not be neglected for pleasure. At present the Office is expen-
sive, but I dare say in the end, it will be of more advantage than the price
of the rent.

Will you send me the money for the note as soon as possible, & if any
one send it also, as Edwin will require it. I have not been at the printing
Office, & don't know how the paper holds out. How am I to do for paper,
when it is gone?

Yours faithfully,
O. K. G.